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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

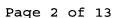
1 (currently amended). A voice controller <u>for a voice-controlled apparatus having a voice-controller receiver</u>, comprising:

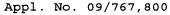
a sound source with a transmitter;

a sound detector detecting a sound signal containing a voice command, said sound detector having a voice recognizer recognizing the voice command, and said sound detector converting the voice command into a corresponding control signal for a the voice-controlled apparatus;

a receiver receiving sound information from said transmitter associated with said sound source; and

a sound signal processor coupled to said sound detector and said receiver, said sound signal processor correcting the sound signal by eliminating the sound information from the sound signal to produce a corrected sound signal, and





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supplying the corrected sound signal to said voice recognizer for evaluation;

said sound detector, said receiver, said sound signal processor, and said voice recognizer being disposed in a mobile part provided separately from the voice-controlled apparatus;

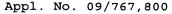


said mobile part having a transmitter transmitting the corresponding control signal to the voice-controller receiver; and

said transmitter of said mobile part communicating with the voice-controller receiver by a wireless communication channel.

2-4. (canceled)

5 (original). The voice controller according to claim 1, wherein said sound signal processor determines a degree of correlation between the sound signal detected by the sound detector and a sound signal corresponding to the sound information, said sound signal processor determines an acoustic delay between the sound signal detected by the sound detector and a sound signal corresponding to the sound information, and said sound signal processor corrects the



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sound signal detected by said sound detector while accounting for the acoustic delay.

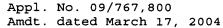
6 (original). The voice controller according to claim 5, wherein said sound signal processor determines the degree of correlation between the sound signal detected by cross-correlating the sound detector and the sound signal corresponding to the sound information.

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7 (original). The voice controller according to claim 5, wherein said sound signal processor subtracts the sound signal corresponding to the sound information from the sound signal detected by the sound detector, while accounting for the determined acoustic delay, to obtain a corrected sound signal to be supplied to the sound signal processor.

8 (original). The voice controller according to claim 1, wherein said sound detector includes a number of microphones that are coupled to one another, the microphones having an acoustic phase shift between them, and said sound detector accounting for the acoustic phase shift present between the number of microphones.

9 (original). The voice controller according to claim 1, including:



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a keyboard in said sound detector, said keyboard programming said voice recognizer.

10 (original). The voice controller according to claim 1, wherein said sound signal processor is associated with a number of sound sources, and said sound signal processor separately corrects for each of the number of sound sources.

11 (currently amended). A voice-controller system,
comprising:

a voice-controlled apparatus having a voice-controller
receiver;

a voice-controller including having:

a sound source with a transmitter;

a sound detector detecting a sound signal containing a voice command, said sound detector having a voice recognizer recognizing the voice command, and said sound detector converting the voice command into a corresponding control signal for a said voice-controlled apparatus;



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a receiver receiving sound information from a transmitter associated with a sound source; and

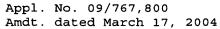
a sound signal processor coupled to said sound detector and said receiver, said sound signal processor correcting the sound signal by eliminating the sound information from the sound signal to produce a corrected sound signal, and supplying the corrected sound signal to said voice recognizer for evaluation; and

said sound detector, said receiver, said sound signal processor, and said voice recognizer being disposed in a mobile part provided separately from said voice-controlled apparatus;

said mobile part having a transmitter transmitting the corresponding control signal to said voice-controller receiver;

said transmitter of said mobile part communicating with
said voice-controller receiver by a wireless
communication channel; and





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a sound source associated with said transmitter transmitting the sound information to said receiver of said voice-controller, the sound information in each case describing the sound signal generated by the sound source.

12 (currently amended). The voice controller system according to claim 11, wherein said transmitter associated with said sound source communicates with said receiver associated with said voice-controller via a said wireless communication channel.



13 (original). The voice controller system according to claim 12, wherein said wireless communication channel is an infrared channel.

14 (original). The voice controller system according to claim
12, wherein said wireless communication channel is a radio
channel.